XVI - F Dishonored Checks/Other Cash Activities

This chapter includes a discussion of dishonored checks, stale dated checks/warrants, and miscellaneous accounting activities related to cash receipts. These activities require specific procedures for their handling and recording.

DISHONORED CHECKS

Each agency makes an arrangement with their local bank for the replacement of funds for a dishonored check. According to the arrangement, the bank notifies the agency when a check is dishonored. Upon notification, the agency prepares a check payable to the bank for the amount of the dishonored check. The check is immediately deposited at the bank.

Accounting For Dishonored Checks

Step 1 - Determine how the dishonored check was originally posted in CALSTARS. Refer to the batch that posted the dishonored check. The batch number can be determined by referring to the Online History File, a history report, e.g. H06, or to the Report of Deposit. The TC used to post the original deposit determines which General Ledgers (GLs) are impacted as shown in the chart below.

| TC | DEBITS GL | CREDITS GL | |
|-----|-----------|------------|--|
| 101 | 1110 | 8000 | |
| 102 | 1110 | 8100 | |
| 104 | 1110 | 9000 | |
| 107 | 1110 | 9891 | |
| 108 | 1110 | 3730 | |
| 109 | 1110 | 3400 | |
| 111 | 1110 | 9830 | |
| 154 | 1110 | 3500 | |

Step 2 - Post the automated or manual check payable to the bank and establish an Accounts Receivable. Posting the check essentially reverses the accounting impact of the original deposit transaction. Refer to the chart below to determine which TC is used to post the check.

NOTE: The coding used in the check transaction, e.g., Index, PCA, Object, etc., must be the same that was used in the original deposit transaction.

| IF ORIGINAL DEPOSIT TC WAS: | USE THE TC BELOW TO POST AN AUTOMATED CHECK | OR | USE THE TC BELOW TO POST A MANUAL CHECK | ТО | DEBIT GL | CREDIT GL |
|--------------------------------------|--|----|---|----|-------------|--------------|
| 101 | 292 | | 426 | | 8000 | 1110 |
| 102 | 293 | | 427 | | 8100 | 1110 |
| 104 | 294 | | 428 | | 9000 | 1110 |
| 107 | N/A | | 449 | | 9891 | 1110 |
| 108 | 289 | | 438 | | 3730 | 1110 |
| 109 | 858 | | 450 | | 3400 | 1110 |
| 111 | 295 | | 429 | | 9830 | 1110 |
| 154 | 495 | | 435 | | 3500 | 1110 |

Step 3 - Establish an Accounts Receivable for the dishonored check, if appropriate, with the following:

TC 436 - Establish A/R - Dishonored Checks

Dr. 1315 Accounts Receivable Dishonored Checks

Cr. 1600 Provision For Deferred Receivables

Reporting Requirements For Dishonored Checks

At year-end, the A-10 entry is required for dishonored checks if they are considered collectible during the next year. Refer to Volume 7, Chapter II for detailed information about this entry.

Each July agencies report the number of dishonored checks for the previous fiscal year to the State Treasurer's Office (STO). This information is used by the STO for negotiating the State's compensating bank balance requirements.